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C O N F I D E N T I A L GABORONE 0479

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SUBJ: BANNED SOUTH AFRICAN TRADE UNIONIST DAVID DAVIS

REF: DURBAN 0130; GABORONE 0463 NOTAL

1. DURING 13 APRIL CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, DAVID DAVIS STATED THAT AN OFFICIAL IN GOB OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT HAD ASSURED HIM GOB WOULD ISSUE HIM U.N. TRAVEL DOCUMENT DURING WEEK OF APRIL 15-20. DAVIS HAD NOT YET HEARD FROM BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION AS TO HIS PROSPECTS FOR ADMISSION INTO U.K. FOR QUOTE AN INDEFINITE STAY UNQUOTE. AFTER HE RECEIVES U.N. TRAVEL DOCUMENT, DAVIS CONSIDERING TRAVELING TO ZAMBIA WHERE HE SAYS HIS A.N.C. FRIENDS WILL TAKE CARE OF HIM UNTIL HE HAS PERMISSION ENTER U.K.

2. DAVIS SAID A FRIEND DROVE HIM TO JOHANNESBURG WHERE HE BOARDED THE FRIDAY AFTERNOON BUS FROM JOHANNESBURG TO THE GABORONE HOLIDAY INN. HE TRAVELED ON HIS S.A. PASSPORT
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WHICH IS VALID FOR THE COUNTRIES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA, INCLUDING

BOTSWANA, ZAMBIA AND MALAWI. DAVIS STAYING WITH FRIENDS
IN GABORONE AND HE SEEMS SOMEWHAT APPREHENSIVE ABOUT
POSSIBILITY OF S.A. ATTEMPT TO RETURN HIM TO SOUTH AFRICA.

3. DAVIS ADDED THAT HE HAD NO DESIRE TO REMAIN IN BOTSWANA
BY SEEKING ASYLUM, BUT WISHES TO GO TO U.K. SO THAT HE MAY
QUOTE TELL THE WORLD ABOUT TRADE UNIONISM IN SOUTH AFRICA
UNQUOTE.

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